

A LETTER OF GREETING TO THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION.

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*To the Ladies of the Toronto Auxiliary, and of its branches
at Port Hope, Hamilton, Woodstock and London.*

MY DEAR FRIENDS,—

In view of your approaching annual meetings, I have great pleasure in sending you a brief letter of most cordial greeting and congratulation on the consolidation and progress of your association. We have been gladdened during the year by the visits of several Canadian friends, and we are rejoiced to learn from them of the growing interest felt in Toronto and throughout your neighborhood in French evangelisation. It is always cheering to us to have even a passing glimpse of those who, distant as their dwelling is, watch our progress with prayerful sympathy.

The year past, while it has brought to us some special trials, has been marked in our history by much mercy. It is the conviction of all the closest observers that there is a *reaction* in France in favor of serious thought. In spite of the torrent of infidelity and worldliness, we find so many in Paris and elsewhere, who are ready and thankful to listen to the message of the Gospel when it is brought within their reach. Nothing could afford a more resistless proof of this than the visit of the Missionary Boat ("Herald of Mercy") to Paris last May, June and July. Moored in the Seine at the celebrated Pont de la Concorde, in the very centre of Parisian gaiety, the services on board were thronged with most attentive listeners, very many of whom had never before heard the Gospel.